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The Christmas Spirit

Shortly before Christmas a few years ago, a New York newspaper published a cartoon that brought a sad smile to many lips.

It showed the Christ Child looking down on an assortment of Christmas cards, picturing poodles, horses and great sailing ships. None of them had anything to do with the feast. The child was saying: "I wonder whose birthday they are celebrating?"

It seems that more and more people in Canada and elsewhere are forgetting the true meaning of Christmas. It has become so commercialized that to many it seems to be merely a time to exchange gifts and to seriously drain the family finances. Due to the incessant and blatant advertising in newspapers, radio and television, children plague their parents for expensive toys and wives nag their husbands for even more expensive items. Surely this isn't what Christmas was meant to be.

To many people Christmas is becoming a season only for holidays, parties and loads of food and drink. It is a time when many people forget what they are supposed to be celebrating and make gluttons of themselves. They even neglect the most important part of the holiday season — attendance at church to give thanks to God for such a glorious gift to mankind. Instead, they give the feeble excuse that they are too tired — overindulgence from the previous evening, no doubt.

Is it any wonder that so many people tend to forget what the holiday season stands for when all about them they see so much of a material nature? Most store windows have displays picturing things that they urge all the members of the family to buy. Everything is displayed in such a way as to coerce a person into purchasing various items. It isn't until a day or two before Christmas that many stores finally put on religious displays — after they have finished their pressure campaign and time for further holiday sales has run out. The same material spirit prevails in newspaper, radio and television advertising.

And yet, what is Christmas without Christ? He expects us to be gay and generous — yes. But most of all we should be generous with Him. His birth should remind us that He came down to earth to live, suffer and die, so that we could go to heaven. Our hearts should be overflowing with gratitude on that day.

It's about time that the vicious commercializing of Christmas was stopped before the majority of people completely forget about the true

meaning of this important season. It doesn't take many people to start the trend to bring Christ back into Christmas. Once a few begin, others are sure to follow. Let us, the Ukrainian Catholic Youth, help to bring this change to a closer fulfillment. Let's send only religious Christmas cards to all of our friends — even the non-Catholic ones. Why shouldn't we send them religious cards to remind them about the true meaning of the season? Let's not forget that thanksgiving to God is an important part of Christmas and that the spiritual meaning is most important. Let's not forget to attend church services often and to receive Holy Communion. Christmas is a happy season and it is expected that we will rejoice. However, let us remember that moderation at this time will be much more profitable to us, both physically and mentally.

The YOUTH would like to take this opportunity to wish all of its readers a Happy and a Holy Christmas. May the Christ Child bless you and guide you in all your endeavors.

Різдво Христове



Велику радість і потіху приносить нам свято Христового Різдва.

“Христос Раждається” — “Славте Його” — лунає по всій землі.

Цю незвичайну радість найкраще виражають коляди, в яких наші предки вложили свої почування з нагоди Христового Різдва й їх передали своїм нащадкам. Коли уважно читати чи співати коляди, можна завважити, що ця радість є спільна

небові й землі, ангелам і людям, радість для цілої вселенної.

Тому не диво, що з приводу Христового Різдва наступає інший настрій в ціле людське життя.

Вже ж Різдво Христове, це найбільша подія в історії людського роду. З народженням Христа сповнилися надії й очікування народів через довгі тисячліття. З приходом Христа започаткувалось спасення людського роду. Новонароджений Христос приніс всім людям великі скарби: світло віри, свободу, мир, любов і привернув утрачене право до неба.

Тому сьогодні перенесімося духом до Вифлеєму, де колись “Бог предвічний народився”. Ідім разом з убогими пастушками віддати поклоніння Божему Дитяткові.

В цілій природі тихо, неначе очікує чогось важного. По домах світло одне по другому гасне. Дорогою спішать двоє людей, Йосиф і Марія. Вони просять нічлігу. Ніде мі-

сця для них. Втомлені, спочивають в печері, де пастихи звикли загаяти свої стада.

Ось місце де приходить на світ Спаситель. Ясність засвітила з неба. Понад землею дається чути ангельський спів, "Слава на висоті Богу а на землі мир людям доброї волі." Такої пісні на землі ще ніхто не чув. Почули її насамперед убогі пастухи.

Коли ангели відійшли від них, вони говорили між собою: "Ходім до Вифлеєму подивитися на цього Спасителя, який нам з'явився в людському тілі". І сейчас пішли.

Як приблизились до печері знайшли Йосифа й Марію та Дитя лежаче в яселках. Коли їх побачили, переконались о тім, що їм ангели сповістили. Коли вернулися назад, прославляли й хвалили Бога за все, що чули й бачили.

Це був перший Святий Вечір. Від тієї пори сотки разів люди святкували Різдвяні Свята. Рік-річно ці

свята розбуджують почування любови до Воплоченого Бога так, що Різдво Христове стало дійсно святом любови. Господь Бог об'явив людям свою Любов. Дитятко Ісус простягає до людей свої рученята й кличе до себе всіх, багатих і бідних.

На жаль, не всі відчують той подув Божої любови. Куди глянемо всюди можна завважити брак любови. Причина є та, що людям бракує доброї волі. Люди не хочуть вірити й практикувати великі правди, що Христос їх приніс світові для його власного добра.

Однаке ми святкуймо Різдвяні Свята зо всіми нашими гарними звичаями. На саме Різдво підім до церкви. Приступім до святої Сповіді й до святого Причастя. Приймім Христа краще, як мешканці Вифлеєму. Колядуймо широко з любови до Христа Спасителя, який "прийшов днесь із небес, щоб спасти люд свій весь і утишився".

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Taking Interest In Our Government

At a U.C.Y. Communion Breakfast held at St. Basil's Parish on December 2, 1956, Mr. Bert Iannone, coach of Campion football, who won the southern championship, member of the Knights of Columbus, and former Roughrider, spoke on why every young Canadian should take an active interest in the affairs of our government in this country. "Only one-third of the people vote, and only five per cent are active—ten per cent belong to political parties. Actually, only one out of 200 people is active."

Some wonder why they should take an active interest when there is freedom here in Canada; but look at the European countries like Hungary and Ukraine, who were a gay people (expressed in their songs and dances) because they felt they had gained freedom and a democratic form of government. Look at them now being suppressed by Communism. Many are fleeing their country in search for freedom; being not satisfied how their country is being run by the present government.

What you should do is, firstly,

study political parties; secondly, go to political meeting and pick up literature and pamphlets about the various parties; thirdly, study their principles and whether they apply to the following:

1. Christian principles.
2. See that will will give your country freedom.
3. Will bring results in the management of our affairs.
4. Proper distribution of goods and surpluses in Canada today.
5. Help other countries less fortunate than Canada.
6. Prevent depressions.

Let's take the Communist party as an example. (1) A lot of their ideals are against Christian principles. They believe in revolutions to bring results. (2) A person loses a lot of initiative and enthusiasm. The state is the important one and not the individual. (3) Management of affairs. The state must get what it wants — even if it is the sacrifice of individuals. (4) They do not bring proper results. Large scale production for the state has been introduced to produce surplus goods, but actually this system produces less because the people have lost their initiative because they do not get the goods. Communism is not helping their depression.

You can see to it about preventing this form of government in Canada. You may think that this will never happen, but look at countries that enjoyed freedom but are now controlled by Communism. If you do not become interested in the government of Canada, one party may gain control and set up a dictatorship form of government.

Become active in the party of your choice. When you reach the age of

eighteen, you can take on the responsibilities of government. Your families make the communities. Your communities make your provincial government and the dominion government.

The government is something that will allow you to voice your opinion in the management of your country. After you start working, and begin the management of your own family, you are ready in the management of your government. (1) Join the proper party. (2) Attend their meetings. (3) Voice your opinion. (4) Attend nominating campaigns to see that the right man is picked. After a candidate is elected, you can say, "I had something to do with that name that was nominated and finally elected." It is your responsibility to get out, work as hard as you can and get what you want out of it — that Canada be a safe and prosperous place to live for future generations.

It is amazing and not surprising what a comparatively small group of young, enthusiastic and energetic people can do for the benefit of the church, the community, and the whole of Canada — a young nation in itself that is emerging from a pot of melting nationalities to a nation of material wealth and a new culture. We, as Canadian citizens of Ukrainian origin and members of a nation-wide organization, should realize and fulfill our obligations, responsibilities and duties. By being an active member of the U.C.Y., the individual gains self-confidence, learns how to work co-operatively, gains security, voices her or his opinion, improves his or her intellectual abilities and skills — not to forget our spiritual strength and guidance.

Metropolitan of Ukrainian Canadians



At the Canadian Social Life Conference held in Toronto, November 18-20, it was announced by his Excellency Giovanni Panico, Archbishop Apostolic Delegate to Canada, that His Holiness Pope Pius XII has

inaugurated an ecclesiastical province for the Ukrainian Catholics in Canada with a metropolitan See in Winnipeg, Man., and has appointed His Excellency Bishop Maksim Hermaniuk, C.Ss.R., as first Metropolitan.

Most Reverend Bishop M. Hermaniuk, C.Ss.R., was born in Western Ukraine on October 30, 1911. After completing his high school, he entered the Redemptorist novitiate in 1932. The following year he was sent by his superiors to Belgium to make his philosophical and theological studies. He was ordained priest in Lviv, 1938, by the Most Reverend Bishop Nicholas Chernesky, C.Ss.R. A year later, he returned to Belgium in order to continue his theological studies. In 1945, he graduated from the University of Louvain with a Master Aggregate degree in theology.

Shortly after arriving in Canada, he was appointed Vice-Provincial of the Eastern Rite Redemptorists in this country and U.S.A. During the years 1949-52, he taught theology at

St. Mary's Seminary, Waterford, Ont., and was editor-in-chief of a theological quarterly, called Logos. In 1951, he was appointed auxiliary bishop to the late Archbishop Basil Ladyka, O.S.B.M., of Winnipeg. His consecration took place June 19th, 1951, at St. Vladimir and Olga Cathedral, Winnipeg. Following a short vacancy after the death of the late Archbishop B. Ladyka, the Holy Father appointed Bishop Hermaniuk, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Winnipeg and Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Catholics in Canada.

The new ecclesiastical province comprises of four diocese. Bishop Hermaniuk, C.Ss.R. will have three suffragan bishops to assist him in the administrative work of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada.

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A Holy, Happy New Year

Within a few days after you receive this magazine, you will be celebrating the close of the old year and the beginning of the new year. Therefore, let us take a few minutes of our time to ponder about the problem of the New Year festivities.

Don't you think that the commonly accepted method of celebrating New Year's Eve is rather paganistic and demoralizing? Many individuals seem to be of the opinion that if a person doesn't get drunk at this time, he really hasn't celebrated. A large number of dance halls, hotels and clubs accept reservations for this event according to the number of tables which they have available. Although, in most provinces

of Canada, the consuming of alcoholic beverages in such places is forbidden, tables have special nooks for keeping bottles out of sight and the management conveniently ignoring this breaking of the law, helps out by selling ice-cubes and soft drinks. Needless to say, these affairs last into the wee hours of the morning.

Those who want to drink more openly, arrange for their own house parties and many of these affairs get out of hand and lead to sin. Many girls, too, at this time, let their defences down, especially if they have also had a few drinks. As if liquor alone weren't bad enough in making the boys more anxious, certain girls expose them-

selves deliberately by the revealing gowns which they insist on wearing. It is any wonder then, that so many sins against purity are committed on this occasion?

One of the most degrading spectacles which an intelligent human being can witness is seeing another person drunk and making a fool of himself. Under the influence, many people do things they would be ashamed to do under ordinary circumstances. People who celebrate as we have mentioned above, not only deliberately expose themselves to sin, but also neglect to attend mass on New Year's Day itself. Too many of these individuals are too bleary-eyed and exhausted to attend church.

Surely, there must be a more Christian way of celebrating New Year's Eve and still have fun, isn't there? New Year's Eve parties and dances can be fun if the right spirit and attitude prevails. To begin with, young people in their teens should stay as far away from liquor as possible. Not only would they be endangering themselves morally, but they would also be guilty under the law of the land which forbids the sale of liquor to minors. Furthermore, those young people who want to go to a dance would be better off going to one of our own National Halls, instead of paying outrageous prices at some dimly lit premises which encourage drinking and where immorality is common.

While at a party or dance, young people tend to forget about the time and usually eat after midnight. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all of our youth could start the New Year off right by going to Communion on

the first day of the New Year? After all, this is a rather momentous interval in time — the passing away of one year and the beginning of the next. If we only stop to think about it, the past year will probably stand out in our memory for some specific instance, whether good or bad. We all make mistakes from time to time, but we should also learn to profit from our previous errors. That is why New Year's Eve should also be a time for some honest soul-searching to determine if we are doing what is right with our life. As a result of these contemplations we should be able to set forth a new approach to facing problems in the days to come. If we have been slack in our studies, we should resolve to do better. If we don't seem to be making any progress at our place of work, we should re-examine our efforts and our attitude towards that employment. If we have been lax in our spiritual duties, let us resolve that we will remedy these defects to the utmost of our abilities. We could mention a dozen other items, but you get the general idea, do you not?

On New Year's Eve, our churches have special services to commemorate the passing of the old year, yet it is shameful how few people attend them. The vast majority of those who attend are old people. How about the YOUTH — why don't we see more of them present? After the service is over there is plenty of time left to go to a party or dance. Attendance at evening service would be a good time for spiritual stock-taking and formulating a new approach to our duties. So many people have associated New Year's Eve with parties and

dances that the religious aspect is forgotten. Why should it be neglected? Since God is the source of all life and goodness, why shouldn't we take this time to thank Him for all the graces which He bestowed upon us throughout the past year, and also to ask His help in the months to come? Our life is what we make

it — with God's help. Let us not do anything to jeopardize our chances for eternal happiness in the next world. Our conduct at all times and all places should be that of a good Catholic. Let's show everybody that it is possible to have good clean fun, even on New Year's Eve. Let's make this a Happy, but Holy New Year's Eve.

Problems of Decency

Beauty contests, sexy movies, books, magazine articles, stories, advertisements, pinups and things of this kind, all contribute to the current idea that sex is about the most important thing in life. "I'll try to make a woman look as sexy as possible, and yet look a perfect lady —" says a prominent fashion designer. All this emphasis on sex greatly complicates the age-old problem of Christian decency, especially for unmarried persons.

The problem of decency is of critical importance to Catholics. It takes serious effort for Catholics to be entirely decent in matters of sex because the Church is both definite and exacting in her standards. Those Catholics who become lax begin easily to question the Church's right to interpret God's laws and frequently this is the beginning of their loss of faith. Prevention of such tragedy is far easier than its cure. If this booklet helps to prevent this and lesser tragedies, it will serve its purpose.

A Confessor's Advice

A confessor is the first and indispensable source of advice in this as in all moral matters. Confessors

are trained in technicalities; they have practical experience of a great variety of cases; they can estimate personal differences which necessitate different advice and treatment for different penitents. An understanding confessor can also offer encouragement such as no book or pamphlet can. The precise purpose of this booklet is to help persons in dealing with confessors, whether it be for their own guidance or for others. It provides a brief outline of main points on the matter with handy explanations and general rules. Because it is merely an outline, a person would be unwise to solve serious problems with reference merely to the book and without consulting a confessor.

God's Plan and Law

The body of a baby grows inside the body of its mother, in her womb. It begins to form at the moment when a father cell joins a mother cell. The joining of these cells in the mother's womb is called "conception". At the baby's conception, God creates its immortal soul.

The external sex parts of a man's body were created different from a woman's so as to make possible the

joining of the mother cell and father cell, for the production of children. The act by which the father cell is deposited at the opening of the mother's womb is called the sex act and is accompanied by physical pleasure. In this booklet this physical pleasure is called venereal or sexual pleasure.

Because conception and the production of children naturally result from the sex act, God permits it only to married persons. Thus the marriage contract guarantees to children a home, education and the care of parents.

Unmarried persons, therefore, are forbidden, under the pain of serious sin, to desire sex pleasure or intentionally to cause it by thoughts, words or actions. The right to sex pleasure is limited to husband and wife and can be acquired only by entering into the marriage contract.

What Is Decency?

The words "modesty", "decency", "purity", and "chastity", are frequently used with about the same meaning. In this booklet, we use only the two terms, "decency" and "purity", and this is the difference between them:

Purity consists in habits which control the sex appetite according to God's law.

Decency consists in habits which provide safeguards and motives for Christian purity.

Decency, therefore, as we understand it here, is concerned with the means which are necessary to control sex according to God's law; it deals rules of caution toward thoughts, pictures, persons and other things which are a danger to purity.

In order to control a car, type-

writer, printing press, or anything, you have to know something about how it works. Sex is one of the many human appetites. So, to control it, you have to know something about how a human appetite works. An appetite is usually considered as part of a human instinct. Here we take instinct and appetite as meaning the same thing.

For our purpose, we can define an instinct or appetite as an "inborn tendency to act in a certain way or pattern". Take for example, the instincts of a newborn baby. It cries for food, shows fear, surprise and anger. All of these reactions are complicated. A feeding baby manages the complicated operations of sucking and swallowing, and it reacts to the feeling of hunger with effective yells. Touch the lips of a newborn child and it will start to suck and swallow. It is born with this tendency.

If an instinctive action is broken down into its several steps, you notice it starts with a stimulus; the stimulus causes a feeling or emotion; next comes an urge or impulse to act; then follows the pattern action. Roughly speaking, this is the formula for any instinctive action: STIMULUS — FEELING — IMPULSE — ACTION.

We are conscious of these related steps in our own experience. Take anger. Becoming aware of an enemy or something unpleasant is the stimulus. Like a trigger, it starts the instinct of anger. There follows an emotion and feeling of dislike, possibly accompanied by fear. Then comes an impulse to avoid the disagreeable person or thing, or to attack with words or blows. Unless something comes in to check

the impulse, action follows, either flight or a fight.

So with Sex.

The sex appetite operates according to the same pattern: STIMULUS — FEELING — IMPULSE — ACTION.

From these elements of an instinct we can conclude its laws of operation and control. The primary laws of instinctive operation is this: A stimulus tends to arouse desires and impulses toward the instinctive action and control. The primary law for controlling any instinct is: CONTROL THE STIMULUS.

Now we can define decency in terms of the psychology of instinct: It consists in habits which control the stimuli of the sex appetite.

Because human beings have the power of free will, they can struggle against an impulse to instinctive action. One who is impelled to strike another in a fit of anger can turn and leave the person or thing which stimulates the anger; or even resist the impulse at the scene. But this fact is plain: The best time to control impulses is before they arise; that is, by controlling the stimuli which arouse them.

Two Practical Rules of Decency

Decency is concerned especially with the safeguards which are necessary for keeping the law of purity. It follows, therefore, that the rules of decency are as logical as the rules for safety which apply to anything that is dangerous. Firemen and others who must risk their lives in the line of duty have their safeguards and rules of safety. So must anyone who has to run any risk.

An example from two practical rules for safe driving gives us two

practical reasonable rules for decency.

Let us suppose that a safe driver is taking a busload of school children along a twenty-foot, one-way mountain road with a cliff on his left and a straight, unguarded drop-off on his right. Because sections of the road slope toward the drop-off, the road is divided into three parts: the SAFE part which is a section extending ten feet from the left-hand cliff; the RISKY part which extends from the safe part five feet and slants toward the abyss; the VERY RISKY part, five feet wide, extending from the risky part to the drop-off and slanting dangerously toward the drop-off.

In such a situation reason demands that the driver:

1. Take no unnecessary risks but stay on the SAFE part of the road.
2. When an obstruction such as a rock necessitates driving on the risky or very risky parts of the road, takes safeguards such as putting the gears in low and shifting weight of the passengers.

It would be unreasonable to risk the lives of children just to give them a thrill. And so, when the need for taking a risk is past, a safe driver returns to the safe part of the road.

Applying this reasoning from safety in driving to safety in regard to purity, we get two very reasonable rules.

1. Take no unnecessary risks by handling, talking about, looking at things which are risky or very risky to purity.
2. When something makes it necessary to risk rousing the sex appetite, take safeguards which will reduce

the risk to a minimum and prevent sin by consent.

If it is unreasonable to risk human lives by reckless driving, how much more reasonable it is to risk the eternal happiness of human souls by carelessness in regard to purity.

Proximate Occasions of Sin

The proximate occasion of mortal sin is anything (person, place, action, thought, thing) which, more often than not, leads a person into serious sin. All persons are bound to avoid proximate occasions of mortal sin; if they cannot possibly avoid the occasion, they must take whatever safeguards they can to reduce the danger of their sinning. Why. Because freely and without the necessity to remain in a situation which seriously tempts one to mortal sin is equivalent to choosing outright to commit the sin.

Anything which is sexually stimulating is an occasion of sin, more or less, for an unmarried person. Because persons differ in the degree of their sensitivity, some sex stimuli would be seriously stimulating — proximate occasions of sin — for some persons but not for others. All persons must learn to recognize in their own lives situations which are proximate occasions of sin for them. This requires an estimate of one's past history, character, and the situation itself. This calls for the help of a reliable confessor.

Some situations, like burlesque shows, are so stimulating to the sex appetite, that they must be recognized as a proximate occasion of serious sin to all unmarried persons. When a person doubts about the degree of danger in a given situation, the confessor's advice should be asked.

How Much Sin?

The divine law of purity forbids unmarried persons, under pain of serious sin, to desire sexual pleasure or intentionally to cause it. The laws of decency command persons to avoid things which they cannot keep from being a proximate occasion of serious sin for them.

The law of purity is concise and clear enough. But the laws of decency bring into play so many personal factors and varying circumstances that they call for interpretation in many, many cases.

It is clear enough that some things are so sexually stimulating that decency forbids them under pain of mortal sin. There are other things, more or less sexually stimulating, which cannot so easily be classified as mortally or venially sinful. To classify a great variety of cases of this kind is impossible in anything as short as this article.

For the foregoing reasons, the best suggestion that can be made here is this: When you have solid reasons to doubt whether a given thing is seriously sinful or not, ask your confessor. Do not dismiss the problem, saying, "Since I am in doubt, I can go ahead and do it." To do something which solid reason leads you to believe is seriously sinful, is equivalent to committing a serious sin. It is the same as saying, "It may be a mortal sin, but I'll do it anyway."

Temptations against purity are a fertile source of worries, doubts, and scruples for not a few persons. In most cases, these worries, doubts and scruples can be remedied by stating the problem simply to a confessor and following his advice.

—The above extracts are from a same title. We strongly urge you Queen's Work pamphlet with the to read this revealing work.

Regina U.C.Y.

For the past year, the U.C.Y. local of Regina has been very active and has met great successes in many of its undertakings and projects. Credit is given to all those zealous, hard-working members, who made their contributions to club activities. The U.C.Y. Club has won recognition of leading clubs in this city.

In relating some of the past year's activities, they are:

Donations — (1) Food hamper to the Catholic Welfare; (2) A part of the proceeds from Xmas carolling—house-to-house, to buy new vestments for the choir boys; (3) A part of the proceeds from the carnival to the Church Building Fund.

Spiritual, Educational and Cultural — (1) Five Communion Breakfasts — one of the outstanding speakers was Father Jerome. A three-day retreat was held; literature on Ukrainian culture was read to the group at meetings, and Ukrainian dancing was taught. Harry Dmuchowski attended the National Congress in Winnipeg and submitted a report. A committee was nominated to help revise the Constitution — a revised copy of which was sent to the Dominion Executive, who were very pleased with the promptness and interest shown. Patricia Patzernuk and William Bayda were the two delegates to the Provincial Convention in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, where Pat Patzernuk gave a report of the activities of the St. Basil's U.C.Y., while William Bay-

da, on his return, submitted an oral report and handed out mimeographed copies which contained useful suggestions as to how club activities could be boosted.

Sports — (1) Curling; (2) Bowling — four teams entered a league and still going strong; (3) Softball. Out of over 30 games played with leading teams in the city, only four were lost.

Other — (1) Carolling groups organized, who visited Grey Nun's Hospital and Regina General Hospital. Many a patient was moved deeply, emotionally, shedding tears of joy; (2) Weiner roast at Boggy Creek. Softball was played and songs by blazing, crackling and sizzling bonfire concluded the evening; (3) A pink carnation was the reward of each U.C.Y. girl catering at Mr. and Mrs. Gulka's wedding; (4) A carnival was held on July 14, 1956. Mary Karpuik was the queen. Theresa Zemlak, Tillie Tomski, Hope Shymko, Irene Patron and Marie A. Panio were the princesses.

On November 7, 1956, officers were elected. They are as follows: president, Patricia Patzernuk; vice-president, William Bayda; secretary, Olga Hretzay; treasurer, Lena Paslowski; fifth member, Natalie Washchyshyn; pres corresepondent, Tillie Tomski; auditors, Ann Halapatz, Harry Dmuchowski; sport committee, Patricia Patzernuk, Joe Bihun;

social committee, Helen Borowski, Ann Halapatz, Joe Bihun, Tom Kohan; religious and cultural committee, Natalie Washchyshyn, William

Bayda, Nestor Chagranduk, Harry Dmuchowski, Theodor Kornak.

TILLIE TOMSKI,
Press Correspondent.

Yorkton U.C.Y.

The Ukrainian Catholic Youth of Yorkton provided an evening of fine entertainment for the audience and radio listeners, Tuesday, Dec. 4, by holding an amateur show at St. Mary's Parish Hall. The amateur program consisted of a variety of contestants from Yorkton, Canora, and Ituna. The total proceeds from the amateur show were \$600, which were collected for the St. Mary's Church Building Fund.

O Canada, was the opening theme, played on the piano by Isabelle Mushka. Mr. Sam Yaremovich, m.c. of the amateur program, gave the welcome address and a few directives about the amateur show. Before the program went on the air, the children from St. Mary's School performed two Ukrainian folk dances on the stage. At 9:00 p.m., the amateur program was heard over Radio 940. Lorne Harrison and Ted Harper of CJGX then took over the show, which went through smoothly, giving each contestant a chance to be heard on the air.

Contestants No. 16, College Rambling Trio, Paul Havrishko, Peter Derkatch and Lawrence Derniowski raised \$62.25 and walked off with the first award. College Harmony Boys, Steve Hladybroda and Steve Shewchuk raised \$40.00 and took second prize. The third award went to the folk dancers of St. Mary's School, who raised a sum of \$29.50.

Ted Harper called upon Miss Stella Merczyk, the U.C.Y. president, to say a few words on behalf of the U.C.Y. Club of Yorkton. The president spoke briefly about the Ukrainian Catholic Youth Organization. Lorne Harrison then introduced Elvis Presly Jr., Johnny Klimchuk of Ituna, who helped to raise \$25.00. College Rascals, Leonard Trach on the violin, Freddie Zwirsky on the guitar, Robert Derbowka on the accordion, brought \$22.15 into the U.C.Y. Treasure Chest. Edward Yuzyk, high school from St. Joseph's College, followed them closely and raised \$22.00.

Two scholarship winners in grades 11 and 12 Ukrainian examinations last June were announced by Ted Harper. Mrs. Anne Yaremovich, local president of the Senior Ukrainian Catholic Women's League, on behalf of the U.W.C.L. of Saskatchewan, presented a scholarship award of \$50.00 to Stephan Pasterhank, who made 90 per cent in his final grade 12 examinations in Ukrainian. He made a record mark in the province last year and is now taking up Arts at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. The second scholarship award of \$50.00 went to Orest Dolyniuk for receiving the highest marks in grade 11 Ukrainian throughout the province last June. His average was 93 per cent and Mrs. Hope Kreklewich,

president of the Junior Ukrainian Catholic Women's League, presented the scholarship to Orest. Ted Harper congratulated the scholarship winners and continued with the contestants.

Lorne Harrison introduced the College Danbury Trio, Johnny Zelinsky, Al and Ben Musey, who raised \$19.50. Little Sidney Cherewyk, who gracefully performed the Ukrainian dance, Chumak, raised \$18.50 and was greatly applauded by the audience. Emil Tymchyshyn, accompanied by Julian Koziak at the piano, sang "I'm thinking of a White Christmas" and brought in \$17.00. Contestants No. 13, George Danylo and the violin and S. Symbalisty on the cymbals. and contestants No. 7, Stephanie and Elsie Rohatynsky, each brought in \$16.00 donations. Donna Huziak and Vickie Solonenko sang a duet and helped to raise \$13.75. Panchuk sisters, who raised \$11.00 and the Sacred Heart Academy choir, who raised \$10.15, were greatly applauded by the audience. Agnes Hussack of Canora helped to raise \$8.00 for the U.C.Y. Amateur Show. Other contestants of the amateur show were Leona Abrametz, Isabelle Mushka, Leslie Pavelick, Mikey Dobko and K. Paskwa.

Ted Harper read the list of patrons who supported the U.C.Y. air show and congratulated all the contestants for their achievements. Lorne Harrison congratulated the U.C.Y. Club for selecting the fine variety of talents for their amateur show and also thanked all those who supported their favorite contestants. The air show was called off at 10:00 p.m. After a short remission all the contestants were given another chance to appear on the

stage and entertain the audience until 12:00 p.m. Rev. Father P. Maluga, C.Ss.R., spiritual director of the U.C.Y. in Yorkton, gave the concluding remarks and thanked all the contestants for their fine performances and also all their supporters who helped raise a total of \$600.00 in aid of St. Mary's Church Building Fund. The amateur show concluded by singing "God Save the Queen".

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In the October issue of Youth I read the article "What Not to Do On a Date" and it is one of the best articles I have ever read on this subject.

I noticed that it was reprinted from "Problems of Courtship and Marriage". Would you advise me if it would be possible for me to obtain a copy of this publication, for since a single article is of such interest, the complete publication should prove to be most valuable and worthwhile.

I also wish to commend you on the splendid job you are doing with your stimulating publication — "YOUTH".

Keep up the good work.

Very truly yours,

R. W.

Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Thank you for your kind words and interest. We hope that others found the noted article as stimulating as you did. The booklet which you mention may be obtained from any Catholic book store or church

supply house. However, if you do not have these in your community, you may send 50c to:

"The Queen's Work",
3118 South Grand Boulevard,

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They also have a complete catalogue which you may receive for the asking.

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Our Thanks

At year's end it is customary to choose outstanding events and people who have made remarkable contributions in various fields such as science, politics, movies and so on. Although we haven't done so in the past, we would like to make an exception this year and express our thanks to certain individuals and groups who have been of great help to us in our efforts to publish the YOUTH and to make it an interesting and informative publication. If we had any certificates of merit to give out, we would award them to the following:

His Excellency, Bishop Neil Savaryn, for making it possible to publish the YOUTH regularly. Had it not been for his subsidizing of our magazine, it probably would not have appeared so consistently. We hope he will continue to favor us with his help.

Rev. Father P. Maluga, C.Ss.R., spiritual director of the U.C.Y. in Yorkton, for being the most regular contributor of articles to the YOUTH. His articles have always been appreciated and it is our sincere wish that he will continue to give us more of the wisdom with which he has guided us in the past.

The Yorkton U.C.Y., for being the most frequent contributor of local news to the YOUTH magazine. Other clubs have sent in write-ups as well, but in all fairness, credit must be given to the Yorkton local for sending in the greatest number. It is our hope that they will continue to favor us with regular articles, and that other locals will follow their example.

The Myrnam U.C.Y., for being the most generous to the YOUTH during 1956. Their donation of \$50.00 to our Press Fund was very welcome indeed. It is our hope that other locals will follow the example of this generous and energetic club.

St. Josaphat's U.C.Y. in Edmonton for being the local with most subscribers to YOUTH. We hope they will continue to favor us in this way.

Let's see more signs of life from other locals and individuals in Canada, who will be on our Honor Roll for next year.

Dauphin U.C.Y.

Greetings to all UCY members

A U.C.Y. meeting was held at the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Hall, in Dauphin, on November 11, 1956.

Father M. Dzurman presided as chairman until the new president was elected.

The executive consists of: president, Marvin Krawec; vice-president, Mel Leskiw; secretary, Stella Chetyrbok; treasurer, Lawrence Chita, fifth member, Walter Yaschysyn; auditors, Bernice Brezden, Walter Swintak; program committee, Emily Marcinyshyn, Martin Koshowski; press manager, Sylvia Podworny; representatives, Mary Lukie, Lawrence Luba.

At our first meeting, we discussed the following objectives: caroling, organizing a Ukrainian Christmas concert, film showing, in order to raise funds to assist the maintenance of Ukrainian culture in Dauphin.

Meetings will be held twice a month—the second and fourth Tuesdays at 8 p.m., with the first and third Tuesdays devoted to social functions.

We extend our sincere wishes for prosperity in the coming new year.

Merry Christmas to all,

Sylvia Podworny,
Press Correspondent.

Let's Chat

We tried to get this magazine out to you before the Christmas holidays, but due to unavoidable circumstances, we were unable to do so. However, we hope that the thoughts expressed in this Christmas issue will be with you throughout the whole year.

Do you remember the excuse many of our Youth gave when they were asked to subscribe to this magazine a few years back? You could expect the same answer no matter whom you asked. The excuse was that they couldn't rely on the YOUTH because it didn't appear regularly. At the time the answer was probably justifiable to a certain extent. However, that excuse is no longer valid. This issue marks the completion of an entire

volume of the YOUTH magazine. We are immensely proud of the fact that since the YOUTH was revitalized in November, 1955, it hasn't missed a single issue of publication. Don't you think that this is a worthy achievement? This continuous publication of our magazine should have restored the confidence of former subscribers. Yet, what do you think happened a few days ago? After talking to one of our U.C.Y. members for a while, I found out that he did not receive the YOUTH. On asking him for the reason, he replied that the last time he subscribed a couple of years back, he received only three issues for the whole year. Even though he was informed that thirteen continuous issues had been published regularly,

he didn't want to take a chance on subscribing because of his past experience. Have you ever heard of anything so ridiculous? Sad to say, there are many more like him. It's people like that who won't even give the YOUTH a chance to expand and establish itself on a firmer footing. Do you think that's fair? I certainly don't. Just think of all the money many of our young people waste. Yet, when it comes to giving a dollar for a worthy publication which they should have, they just don't care. The YOUTH should be a symbol of our strength and unity and should reflect the progress of our locals across the country. If we can't give more support to our own official organ, then we can't say very much for ourselves as a national organization.

The other day I was talking to a friend of mine and the conversation turned to Ukrainian Canadians. Although this friend is not of our racial origin, he has worked closely with many of our people. There is one statement he made which really set me thinking. This is what he said, "The trouble with you people is that you haven't learned to work together. There is too much discord among you."

Imagine hearing those words from an outsider. The tragic part is that what he said is true. Although there are exceptions, the fact remains that we have not yet learned to work together for some major good or for a single purpose. We don't have to look very far. Take our own YOUTH publication. Do you think we'd have such a small magazine if we really worked together? The very fact that it has been appearing at all for the past year is that it has been subsidized.

According to the U.C.Y. constitu-

tion, every U.C.Y. member must be a subscriber to the YOUTH. If the present subscribers are the only U.C.Y. members in Canada, we might as well bow out gracefully and die a slow death. Is it so difficult for a local to get one hundred per cent of its members as subscribers? As things now stand, we'd be happy if even half of all U.C.Y. members had their subscriptions paid. Is this an example of co-operation? If it's our idea of co-operation, let's hide our heads in shame.

This magazine is at the disposal of our National U.C.Y. executive and also of the provincial executives. It sincerely welcomes official pronouncements and advice for the youth of Canada. Yet, how often, if at all, have you seen any such directives in this magazine? If there are no official statements from our consolidating groups, it gives us the impression that we are not really organized on a national basis.

It's about time we put aside our petty grievances and disagreements and really began to work together. The YOUTH certainly needs help from all quarters. Let's do all we can to make this a magazine of which we can be justifiably proud. The YOUTH is a measure of our success as a national organization. As the YOUTH stands, so stands our national rating.

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